

## CONVENTION BEST ON RECORD.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSIONS END AT ANDERSON.

Delegates Hear Enjoyable Music and Splendid Addresses Just Before the Adjournment.

Anderson, Feb. 13.—The 27th annual convention of the Sunday School association has indeed proved to be "the best ever," as its promoters had confidently prophesied. The final session was held tonight in the Baptist church. The song service was again the effective introduction to the exercises. The Rev. G. P. Watson was requested to lead the convention in prayer.

Mrs. Bryner gave a review of the continent, showing the proportion in Sunday school attendance to population as one to seven. She insisted that every school should have each of the four departments working separately in the elementary division.

By special request Mr. Carman sang a solo, "My Soul is So Happy in Jesus."

Dr. L. N. Caley of Philadelphia placed especial emphasis upon the importance of Sunday school work. "The hope of the world is the children," is only a half truth. The other half is "The despair of the world is the children who are not saved and trained for godliness." The three-fold purpose of the teacher is to teach pupils to know, to be, to do.

The place of meeting for next year was left in the hands of the executive committee.

The committee on nominations presented its report: T. T. Hyde, Charleston, president; J. E. Wannamaker, St. Matthews, vice president. These were the only changes in the general officers of the State.

The usual resolutions of thanks for hospitality and other courtesies shown the convention were adopted by a unanimous vote. Mr. Durham, Miss Vandiver, Mr. Carman and Mr. Herbert took part in closing words to the convention.

Chairman Pendleton presented a resolution of commendation for Miss Vandiver and it was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The convention sang "God Be With You," Dr. Pendleton pronounced the benediction and the convention adjourned sine die.

## WOULD HONOR PRESIDENT FINLEY.

Asks That Southern Railway Scholarships Be Named for Him.

Washington, Feb. 15.—As a fitting memorial to the late President Finley and in recognition of his interest in agricultural education in the South, President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway, has addressed a letter to the heads of each of the nine State agricultural colleges in South suggesting that the agricultural scholarships which President Finley inaugurated in the early part of 1912 be designated: "Southern Railway Scholarship: William Wilson Finley Foundation."

These scholarships, which offer complete courses in agriculture to deserving farmer boys who live in counties traversed by Southern Railway and affiliated lines and who would be unable to secure the advantages of such an education without this aid, are maintained in the following institutions: Kentucky State University, Lexington, Ky.; State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Raleigh, N. C.; University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.; University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.; Georgia State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Athens, Ga.; Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, Agricultural College, Miss.; Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ga.; Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson College, S. C.; and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.

In inaugurating these scholarships, the late President Finley was following his policy of lending every practical aid in the agricultural development of the territory served by the Southern Railway and affiliated companies. Each young man accepting a scholarship must agree to engage in agricultural work, to teach agriculture, or to work on an experiment farm for at least three years in territory touched by one of the lines making the offer. The details as to the conditions under which the scholarships are awarded are in the hands of the college heads.

## Married.

Rembert, Feb. 16.—Mr. J. H. Wingate of Elliott, S. C., and Miss Minnie L. Brown were quietly married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. D. G. Brown, at Rembert, on Wednesday, February 11th at 2 o'clock. After the ceremony they left for Bishopville and other points and now they are at home with their friends at Rembert.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 16.—A foot of snow fell last night. The blizzard continues today with unabated fury.

## MAN MEETS FATAL ACCIDENT.

J. D. NORRIS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED MONDAY AFTER-NOON.

Was Struck in Head by Wire Lever as He Was Building Fence on J. H. Myers' Place near White Siding—Died Several Hours After Receiving Blow.

Mr. J. D. Norris, overseer for Mr. J. H. Myers, met with a fatal accident on Monday afternoon while erecting a wire fence near White Siding. In some way the instrument failed to catch in the meshes of the wire and the lever flew back, striking Mr. Norris on the temple. He was knocked unconscious and died from the effect of the blow several hours later. The accident took place about noon and death came between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

A negro and a white man were working with Mr. Norris at the time and they at once went to Myers' store and telephoned to Sumter for a doctor, who arrived in less than half an hour, but he was unable to do anything to save the injured man. The accident was a most unfortunate one and the people of the community deeply deplore Mr. Norris' tragic death, and heartfelt sympathy is felt for the widow.

Mr. Norris was about 40 years of age and is survived by his wife and one small child. He was well thought of in the community and was an excellent farmer. He leaves a brother, Mr. Hamp Norris of Sumter and several sisters, Mrs. J. B. Richardson, Sumter; Mrs. J. W. Rogers, Lynchburg; Mrs. J. A. Boykin, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. C. L. Simpson, Monroe, N. C.; and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Salisbury, N. C.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the cemetery.

## REFUSE TO RECEIVE PRIEST.

Many Injured When Effort Is Made to Force Catholic Father on People of South Bend.

South Bend, Ind., Feb. 15.—Seven persons were probably seriously injured and nearly 100 others slightly hurt here today in a riot that resulted when 25 policemen attempted to aid Sheriff Edward Swanson in carrying out an order of Judge W. A. Funk that the Rev. Stanislaus Gruza be placed in charge of St. Casimir's Polish Roman Catholic church. The mob comprised about 2,000 men and women and after fighting two hours they successfully blocked the efforts of Father Gruza to take possession of the church.

Father Gruza was transferred to the parish a year ago but the parishioners refused to accept him. Six hundred families in the parish then took charge of the church, barred the doors and windows and petitioned the bishop to assign them another priest. This was refused and the matter was taken into court where Judge Funk ordered the sheriff to place Father Gruza in charge.

Early today the sheriff, a deputy and the priest drove to the church but immediately were surrounded and the police were called on for aid. Twenty-five policemen were sent to the church and the doors broken open. The angry parishioners then charged the officers and the battle was fought in the street.

The fire department was called to aid the police but was unable to help as the mob surrounded the wagons and threatened to cut the hose.

Father Gruza watched the fight from a house two blocks away.

## THE WEEK'S WEATHER.

Only the Pacific Coast Will not See the Temperature Fall This Week.

Washington, Feb. 15.—All parts of the country except the Pacific slope will be fast in Jack Frost's grasp until after Tuesday, according to the weather bureau. Higher temperatures will come the middle of the week.

"On the Pacific slope," said the weekly bulletin tonight, "temperatures will be near or above the normal. East of the Rocky mountains the weather will be fair during the next several days, except that local snows are probable Monday and Tuesday over the Great lakes, the upper Ohio valley and the North Atlantic States."

"The next storm of importance will appear on the north Pacific coast Tuesday and will cross the great central valleys Thursday or Friday and the Eastern States near the end of the week; the disturbance will be preceded by a general change to warmer east of the Rocky mountains and it will be attended by snow in Northern probably rains in the Southern States. There are no indications that this disturbance will be followed by a cold wave."

## Schools Closed, Traffic Crippled.

New Haven, Feb. 16.—Hundreds of schools have been closed in Connecticut on account of the huge snow drifts and bitter cold. It is still snowing and traffic is badly crippled.

## ENGLAND TAKES ACTION.

WILL PROTECT LIVES OF CITIZENS IN MEXICO.

Admiral Directed to Send Arms and Force of Marines to Guard British Legation in City of Mexico and Protect British Lives if Emergency Arises.

London, Feb. 16.—Great Britain today notified the powers that she intends to protect British citizens in Mexico.

Under secretary of foreign affairs in the house of commons declared that the British Admiral in Mexican waters had been authorized to send to the British legation in Mexico City any arms and marines necessary to defend British lives if an emergency arises.

## RETURNS FROM ATLANTA.

R. L. Manning Thinks That Favorable Showing Was Made by South Carolina Delegation.

Mr. R. L. Manning returned to Sumter Sunday morning from Atlanta, where he has been for the past three days with the South Carolina delegation, in attendance upon the hearing before the regional reserve board consisting of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Comptroller of the Treasury John Skelton Williams and Secretary of Agriculture Houston and to express the views of South Carolina bankers on the establishment of a regional reserve bank.

Mr. Manning stated that he considered that the delegation of fifteen, representing the general assembly, the bankers and the commercial organizations of the State, had made a very favorable showing before the board. Messrs. W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw, R. L. Manning of Sumter, and B. F. Taylor of Columbia and E. J. Watson of Columbia had stated the views of the South Carolina bankers to the board. They had advocated, first, to have a regional district north and south, the latter to consist of the District of Columbia, Virginia, the eastern part of West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. They asked that the regional bank be sufficiently large to furnish resources to meet the borrowing needs of the district.

The committee advocated Columbia as their first choice as a site for the regional bank, and Richmond as their second choice, with the exception that some of the bankers preferred to have Maryland included in the district and Baltimore as the site for the regional reserve bank, while others thought that the regional reserve bank should be situated in Washington if Columbia could not secure it.

The views of the South Carolina delegation seemed to make a favorable impression on the board and it is thought that South Carolina will be put in the desired district with the location of the regional reserve bank still unsettled.

## AMEND TAX LAW.

William Fortune Tells of Conference With Oscar Underwood. No Action Now.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 15.—That the income tax law may be amended by congress to meet objections voiced by business interests was the statement made here today by William Fortune of Indianapolis, chairman of a committee, representing the Chambers of Commerce in many large cities. The committee was appointed to inquire into requirements of the new law.

"In a conference at Washington, Mr. Underwood, chairman of the house committee on ways and means," said Mr. Fortune, "told us that he does not think it necessary, according to law, to report any income on which there are exemptions or on which there have been deductions at the source. He does not think it is necessary to require certificates from foreign owners of American securities. There seemed to be danger that on account of troubles connected with the income law there might start an avalanche of selling by foreign owners of American bonds."

"Mr. Underwood advised our committee that congress could not now make any changes in the law before March 1 and as the first of the individual returns must be made by that time, it would make no difference if the modifications to be made by congress should be deferred until near the end of the year."

There are somewhat more than 500 recognized tree species in the United States, of which about 100 are commercially important for timber. Of the 500 recognized species, 300 are represented in the government's newly acquired Appalachian forests. All American species except a very few subtropical ones on the Florida keys and in extreme southern Texas, are to be found in one or another of the national forests.

## RED CROSS WORK.

Final Report Shows Large Number of Seals Sold in this State.

Columbia, Feb. 15.—The final report of the Red Cross Seal Commission of South Carolina on the year's campaign for selling the Christmas seals in the fight against tuberculosis has recently been made public by Reed Smith, who as secretary and treasurer has had charge of the work in the central office in Columbia. The results are gratifyingly large and successful. Generous assistance and co-operation was received on all sides. 115 agents from all parts of the State joined in the effort to make the season's success noteworthy. It is owing chiefly to their earnest and enthusiastic efforts that the sale met with such splendid success. Altogether a grand total of 240,000 seals were sold during December, realizing the handsome sum of \$2,400. Of this only 10 per cent, \$240.00, goes to the National Association. The rest, with necessary expenses taken out, remains in the State for advertising and relief work in the fight against tuberculosis.

This is the first year that a State-wide campaign has been attempted, and neither the Commission nor the National Association anticipated such gratifying results. In a letter to the Secretary, Dr. Phillip P. Jacobs of the National Association in New York writes:

"I am completely surprised and very much delighted to hear of the remarkable sale of Red Cross Seals in South Carolina. When we organized the work in your State, I was hopeful that probably the sale throughout the State would aggregate 100,000 and after Mr. Van Blarcom returned and gave me such a flattering report of the situation, I said that probably the sale might reach 150,000 but it would hardly exceed that amount. Imagine my surprise, therefore, when I learned from your letter that the sale is approximately 250,000."

Mr. Ernest P. Bicknell, National Director of the American Red Cross in Washington writes: "During 1911, 3,236 seals were sold in your State and in 1912, 9,260 were sold. You can, therefore, readily understand the great satisfaction we feel in the success of your 1913 seal campaign, which has resulted in the sale of practically one quarter of a million seals. Permit me to express to you the appreciation of the American Red Cross of the helpful co-operation of yourself and the other members of your committee in the fight which is being waged against tuberculosis."

The commission naturally feels encouraged over the year's work and congratulates the State and the splendid corps of agents on the showing made. The year's work has put the Red Cross Seal Christmas movement on a firm footing. Most of the work done this year was pioneer in nature. The next year, and the succeeding years should witness even larger returns.

Almost without exception the agents did fine work. To give full credit would mean to name all communities in which the seals were sold.

## GRIDIRON CLUB DINNER.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan Enjoy Occasion.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Scarcely an administration policy was spared to-night from the shafts of wit and satire in the songs and "stunts" which enlivened the annual dinner of the Gridiron Club, composed of the leading newspaper correspondents here.

When an aged man with long-white beard sauntered into the room and said he was Apt Alliteration, and was looking for his baby Watchful Waiting, whom he hoped the dreadful Democrats had not killed as they had Dollar Diplomacy, President Wilson who headed the long list of distinguished guests, laughed heartily.

And neither he nor William J. Bryan, Secretary of State, seemed to mind the incident of testing a glass of grape juice for alcohol, the "harmless beverage" igniting with a spurt of blue flame after beer had failed to show a "kick."

Apparently the Carabao dinner, as a result of which Mr. Wilson rebuked Naval officials for unseemly mirth at the administration's expense, had been forgotten.

## Forgot the Password.

An old calvary horse was in the shafts and the officer was in a hurry. Taking the reins from the driver, he shouted, "Charge!" and away the animal galloped, stopping dead when he reached the barracks at the word "halt!"

The next morning an Englishman wanted to catch the boat from the quay, and the driver said, "Sure, your honor, there ain't no horse inould Ireland who can go so fast!"

He cracked his whip and shouted, "Charge!" and away the horse went. Nearing the quay, Pat yelled, "Jump for heaven's sake, I've forgotten the password."

## VISITORS SEE PRISON CAMP.

FEDERAL GENERAL SALAZAR UNEASY LEAST HE BE SHOT.

Five Thousand Prisoners Held at Fort Bliss by Gen. Scott.—Federal Commander Has no Desire to Escape.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 15.—Hundreds of visitors today went to Fort Bliss to view the prison camp where Gen. Hugh L. Scott is caring for more than 5,000 Mexican men, women and children, who fled after the federals were defeated at Ojinaga a month ago.

Meanwhile Gen. Jose Inez Salazar, prisoner, was uneasy and sulked within his tent. Gen. Scott has him confined in a special barbed wire stockade away from the other prisoners and recently informed him that if an attempt was made to rescue him he would be the first person shot. Today Salazar sent word to Gen. Scott that he feared the rebels at Juarez would take advantage of the order and make a false demonstration from the railroad tracks nearby, probably firing a few shots in the air, and before the ruse was discovered the guard would have carried out the instruction with reference to himself.

"I have no more desire to escape than a 10-year-old boy," was the message Salazar sent. Gen. Scott said he might enter the post guardhouse if he wished. Here he would be in a cell, but safe, and the Mexican may try the experiment for a week.

In the camp there are 53 wounded federal officers and 187 wounded men and 218 federal officers and 3,180 men who are physically fit. There are 1,259 women and 556 children. Of the children 400 are of school age, and as soon as possible Gen. Scott will inaugurate a school, at which some of the educated officers will be the instructors. There are four cases of smallpox and this has delayed the school period.

The prisoners live in tents, brown like the whole verdureless landscape. It costs 18 cents a day to feed each prisoner, or about \$900 for the camp, while the cost of subsistence for an American soldier is 23 1-2 cents. The prison rations consist of Mexican beans, chili peppers, corn meal, potatoes, onion, bread, fresh meat and coffee. A guard today detected one of the prisoners giving away some of his coffee to a fellow countryman on the outside.

Most of the prisoners are far better off than when in the field. They are housed and fed regularly and by dint of much urging the Americans have trained them to police their camp and take proper sanitary precautions. The prison is of about 40 acres, surrounded by a barbed wire fence. The sentries do not enter the camp except for special purposes, but patrol it on the outside. Visitors are kept at a distance from the fence and the prisoners themselves are kept away from it.

In the crowds today were many Mexicans from El Paso, who brought gifts of tobacco, cigarettes, bananas, apples oranges and other delicacies. Visiting priests today celebrated mass and there was a concert in the afternoon by the band of 40 pieces, sent by President Huerta to inspire his soldiers at Chihuahua and Ojinaga.

The prisoners are well clothed. Huerta recently provided all with shoes, hose, underwear, hats and overalls or dresses. Officers also receive \$5 a month and privates \$2. They are permitted to make purchases at the regimental store at the same prices paid by American soldiers.

A special permit not easily obtained is required for a visitor to go within the camp. This is due largely to the cases of smallpox. Americans who have enjoyed the privilege and the guards say the prisoners generally are sullen in the presence of their jailers.

At Ysleta today soldiers discovered 14 rifles and 3,000 rounds of ammunition hidden away. They probably were left behind Wednesday night by Mexican recruits who fled across the Rio Grande.

Rumors reached Gen. Scott that attempts to run more recruits across would be made, but details of the plot were lacking.

The legislatures of Virginia and South Carolina are considering advanced forestry legislation.

The navy department has asked the forest service to investigate guijo, a Philippine wood, for possible use in decking boats and ships. Longleaf pine, sugar maple, and beech are the domestic woods most used for decks.

Roadside signs, each containing a single catchy sentence in large type, are proving effective in warning against fires on western forests. They give the essentials and tell the importance of protection against forest fires.

The biological survey and the forest service have been co-operating in the extermination of ground squirrels on national forests in California. The annual loss of range feed and grain crops from ground squirrels is enormous.



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## FUGITIVE LEAPS FROM TRAIN.

Tippie Lewis Is Seriously Injured at Florence En Route to Georgia Jail.

Florence, Feb. 12.—Tippie Lewis, a negro, convicted of murder in Emanuel county, Georgia, in 1912, who escaped from Swainsboro jail on Christmas was probably fatally injured when he jumped from a fast train on the Atlantic Coast Line today while being returned to Georgia. He was located some time ago in Camden, N. J. Deputy Sheriff E. L. Currie of Dublin went to Camden for him, had requisition papers signed yesterday and started home. He suspected the negro, who is desperate, of trying to plan an escape at Richmond and put leg irons on him just before reaching Florence, while arranging to change to an Augusta train. Lewis raised the window and slipped through, striking the ground on his chin. The train was running 50 miles an hour when he jumped. Lewis was picked up by the train which ran back for him paralyzed from his neck down and otherwise internally injured. He is in the Atlantic Coast Line hospital here.

## EXPOSITION BY SUN'S RAYS.

Ulivi Gives Secret of Blowing Up Torpedoes to Italy.

Florence, Italy, Feb. 14.—A successful experiment of exploding torpedoes from a long distance by means of the ultra-violet rays, discovered by Giulio Ulivi, was carried out here today. Signor Ulivi has given his secret to the Italian government.

Although today's experiment was secret, it became known that Admiral Pietro Fornari had placed in the river Arno two torpedoes charged with smokeless gunpowder and two others with black gunpowder.

The ultra-violet ray apparatus was operated from the tower of the Palazzo Capponi, two miles away. Less than three minutes was required to explode the four torpedoes.

Incense cedar is proving valuable for piling on the Pacific coast where marine borers are particularly troublesome.

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